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## Special Announcements

**EXTENDED. Strengthening Partners Initiative (SPI) Application.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* has extended the application process for the 2004-2005 SPI program. SPI is a training opportunity for emerging nonprofit and faith-based organizations. The one-year program is designed to help nonprofit professionals move their organizations to the next level of operations and service-delivery. **Graduates are eligible for capacity building mini-grants at the end of the program.** The new deadline for applications is October 29, 2004, at 5:00 p.m. Applications may be e-mailed, faxed, or picked-up from OPGD, 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20001. For additional information or to obtain the application, contact OPGD at (202) 727-8900.

**SAVE THE DATE. 2004 Public-Private Partnership Conference.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* will host its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Public-Private Partnership conference at a new place and time this year. The all-day conference will be held at the new Washington Convention Center on December 13, 2004. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

## Federal Opportunities

**Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing.** *The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)* announces funds to develop the capacity and ability of community development corporations (CDC) and community housing development organizations

(CHDO) to undertake community development and affordable housing projects and programs. This includes training, education, support, and advice to enhance the technical and administrative capabilities of CDCs and CHDOs, as well as loans, grants, development assistance, predevelopment assistance, and other financial assistance for CDCs and CHDOs to carry out community development and affordable housing activities that benefit low-income families and persons. Eligible applicants are Enterprise, LISC, Habitat for Humanity, and YouthBuild USA. Approximately \$36.5 million is available. For further information, contact Karen Williams at (803) 253-3009; or go to:  
<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/06jun20041800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/E4-2723.htm>.

**REMINDER. Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants.** *The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)* announces funds to help communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfield sites. Eligible applicants include public institutions of higher learning, nonprofit organizations, and state and local government entities. The deadline to submit a proposal is November 12, 2004. Approximately \$100 million is available for 200 awards. Cost sharing is required. For further information, contact Becky Brooks at (202) 566-2762 or [brooks.becky@epa.gov](mailto:brooks.becky@epa.gov); or go to:  
[http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/pg/fy05guidelines\\_final.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/pg/fy05guidelines_final.pdf).

**REMINDER. HIV Emergency Relief Project Grants.** *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Health Resource Services Administration (HRSA)* announces funds for outpatient and ambulatory health and support

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services to Eligible Metropolitan Areas (EMAs) that service low income/under insured people living with HIV/AIDS. Eligible applicants include faith- and community-based organizations, nonprofit organizations, and state and local government entities. The deadline for applications is November 10, 2004. Approximately \$264.4 million is available to fund 51 awards. For further information, contact Douglas H. Morgan at (301) 443-6745 or [dmorgan@hrsa.gov](mailto:dmorgan@hrsa.gov); or go to: <http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/HHS/HRSA/GAC/HRSA-05-010/Grant.html>.

## District Opportunities

**ADDENDUM. FY 2005 Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration (CSRD) Program.** *The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)/Office of Federal Grants Programs (OFGP)/State Education Agency (SEA)* added an addendum to its Request for Proposals (RFP) information. This addendum is available on the Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD) website – <http://opgd.dc.gov>, District Grants Clearinghouse – and the District of Columbia Public School (DCPS) website – [www.k12.dc.us](http://www.k12.dc.us). For further information, contact Deidre M. Hunt, CDH Management and Consulting, at (202) 641-5766.

**Electronic Grants Clearinghouse.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, click on District Grants Clearinghouse.

*The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH), Young Artists*, October 25, 2004.

*The District of Columbia Department of Human Services (DHS)/Office of Early Childhood Development (OECD), Child Development Center Operation*, November 1, 2004, at 2:00 p.m.

*The Government of the District of Columbia, Department of Health (DOH)/HIV/AIDS Administration (HAA), in conjunction with the Prince George's County Health Department, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission and the Washington Metropolitan Regional Health Services Planning*

*Council, FY 2005 Ryan White Title I Regional Grant*, November 15, 2004.

*The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)/Office of Federal Grants Programs (OFGP)/State Education Agency (SEA), FY 2005 Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration (CSRD) Program*, December 2, 2004, at 4:00 p.m.

*The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH), Small Projects Program (SPP)*, December 2, 2004, March 3, 2005, and June 2, 2005.

*The Office of the Secretary (OS), Escheated Estates*, December 30, 2004.

*The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP)*, applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

## Foundation Opportunities

**Nonprofit Leadership.** *New Voices* is a national leadership development program that awards salary-support grants to small nonprofits demonstrating a commitment to cultivating and strengthening the leadership potential of creative and diverse "new voices" in the field. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations that: conduct policy research/analysis, litigation, advocacy, and/or community organizing; have at least two full-time paid staff members; and will be at least one year old as of the application deadline. Preference will be given to organizations with annual budgets between \$100,000-\$2 million. The deadline for applications is January 10, 2005. For further information, go to: <http://newvoices.aed.org/>.

**Postsecondary Education.** *Lumina Foundation* believes that education is the best way to help people achieve their potential and improve our nation's future. The Foundation supports programs that affect access and attainment in postsecondary education – particularly among traditionally underserved student groups. These students include 18- to 24-year-olds and adult students who face barriers to education by virtue of their income, preparation or family background. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. There are no deadlines for applications. For further information, go to: <http://www.luminafoundation.org/grants/index.html>.

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**School Library Books.** *The Laura Bush Foundation* supports school libraries that are most in need of print books. Preference is given to elementary, middle, or high schools in which 90% or more of the school population receives free or reduced lunch. The deadline for applications is December 1, 2004. Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to update, extend and diversify the book collections of school libraries. For further information, go to:  
<http://www.laurabushfoundation.org/web2/index2.htm>.

**Video.** *Blockbuster* supports programs that are related in some way to film and video, impact children and families, or support a Blockbuster business objective (i.e., employment). Project goals and evaluation plans must be clearly defined in the proposal. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. There are no deadlines for applications; requests are reviewed monthly. For further information, go to:  
<http://www.blockbuster.com/corporate/displayAboutBlockbusterDetails.action?articleId=1082958#CGG>.

**Youth Garden Grants.** *The National Gardening Association (NGA)* supports programs that actively engage kids in the garden and improve the quality of life for all. Priority is given to proposals that emphasize: an educational focus and/or curricular ties; nutrition or plant-to-food connections; environmental awareness or education; entrepreneurship; or social aspects of gardening such as leadership development, teambuilding, community support, or service learning. Eligible applicants include schools and community organizations that plan to garden with at least 15 kids, ages 3-18. The deadline for applications is December 1, 2004. Award packages include seeds, tools, garden products, and educational resources. For further information, go to:  
<http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp#ygg>.

## Resources & Announcements

**Best of e-Philanthropy in DC.** *The Foundation Center* announces a brown bag lunch to discuss online philanthropy. Explore the best ideas with DC experts who will provide an overview of the e-philanthropy landscape and discuss opportunities for your organization to develop new resources and build

stronger relationships online. Speakers include Kathleen Langheck, Director of Client Development at MissionFish, and Eric Rigaud, Executive Director of TouchDC. The discussion will take place at the Foundation Center, 1627 K Street, NW, Third Floor, Washington, DC, noon-1:30 p.m., on November 29, 2004. You are welcome to bring your lunch. For further information or to register, call (202) 331-1400; or go to:  
<http://fdncenter.org/washington/bbdc.html>.

**Changes to Charitable Deductions Included in Tax Bill.** *Congress* passed a corporate tax bill that contains three provisions of particular interest to the nonprofit sector. The final bill limits charitable deductions for vehicle donations to the sale price obtained by the charity, limits the value that taxpayers can claim on the donation of a patent or intellectual property to a charity, and requires increased reporting for non-cash charitable contributions such as property. President Bush is expected to sign the measure into law. For further information, go to:  
<http://www.independentsector.org/programs/gr/policyupdate.htm>.

**Free Tutoring Under No Child Left Behind (NCLB).** *The Department of Education (DOED)/Office of Innovation and Improvement* offers a free brochure to help inform parents about the opportunity for supplemental educational services for their children under NCLB. Extra Help For Student Success is available in English and Spanish and covers topics such as: what supplemental educational services are; who is eligible for these services; how to find out if your child is eligible; and more. To obtain the brochure (EU 0111H), contact DOED's Publications Center at 1-877-433-7827, 1-877-576-7734- TTY/TDD, 301-470-1244-fax, or  
[www.edpubs.org](http://www.edpubs.org); or go to:  
<http://www.ed.gov/parents/academic/involve/suppervices/services.pdf>.

**Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC).** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* provides assistance to nonprofit and government representatives through a resource center at One Judiciary Square, 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 200 South. The primary focus of the GIRC is to assist emerging and small nonprofits

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that either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to identify grant, capacity building, and other related resource information online. Featured in the GIRC are four workstations with funding research databases and access to the Internet. The Center also has a small library of printed materials. Access to the GIRC is free of charge but requires an appointment. Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.

**Mission Specific Technology Guides.** *NPower Greater DC Region* provides guides that highlight technology innovation in the nonprofit sector. Each guide is meant to be a resource for a specific sector; however, leaders in one sector may also find it beneficial to read the papers covering other sectors, as they contain many inspiring anecdotes and case studies. The guides include: Arts & Culture; Health & Human Services; Education Services; and Community Development. To access these free guides, go to:  
<http://www.npowergdcr.org/resources/index.htm>.

**National Panel on Nonprofit Sector.** *Independent Sector (IS)* created a national panel that will make recommendations to Congress to improve the oversight and governance of charitable organizations. IS formed the Panel on the Nonprofit Sector at the encouragement of Finance Committee Chair Charles Grassley (R-IA) and Ranking Member Senator Max Baucus (D-MT). The Panel on the Nonprofit Sector is comprised of 25 nonprofit and philanthropic leaders from a wide spectrum of public charities and private foundations from all parts of the country. Some areas for exploration include: rules and regulations affecting composition and duties of boards of directors; compensation issues; guidelines on travel expenditures; greater clarity on reporting Forms 990 and 990PF, as well as new disclosure requirements; potential new fees for tax-exempt applications or annual filing requirements; and the proper roles of self regulation and government regulation. For further information, go to:  
[http://www.independentsector.org/media/sector\\_panel.html](http://www.independentsector.org/media/sector_panel.html).

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